

# United States Embassy Macedonia

## Presents Newsletter *C O L L A G E*



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#### **1. Obama: 2012 G8 and NATO Summits Scheduled for May**

President Obama says he will host the 2012 Group of Eight (G8) summit at Camp David and host the 28-member NATO summit in Chicago. The G8 summit is set for May 18–19 and the NATO summit for May 20–21.

#### **2. Obama Nominates Physician as World Bank President**

President Obama nominates a physician with a global health background to serve as president of the World Bank, underscoring the importance of health matters in the international development agenda.

#### **3. USAID Prioritizes Innovation, Direct Investments**

USAID has shifted its approach to aid by prioritizing innovation and entrepreneurship, and by investing directly in partner governments and local groups.

#### **4. U.S. Remains Committed to Europe as Region Recovers**

The United States will continue to work with its European partners to promote financial stability and sustainable, balanced growth as the region's economy moves toward recovery.

#### **5. Milestones in U.S. Women's History**

This list features some of the outstanding people and events that moved women's rights forward.

#### **6. Basketball's March Madness Thrills Fans, Boosts Morale**

It descends on America every March, together with spring showers and the first blossoms on trees. It is a collective giddiness, excitement, even frenzy that involves gathering in groups, making wagers and telling tall tales about the amazing Final Four. It is March Madness, more soberly known as the collegiate basketball championship.

## **In Case You Missed It:**

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### **Ambassador honors five women role models**

At an 28 March reception for women entrepreneurs, Ambassador Wohlers honored five women as exemplary role models in business, mentoring and corporate social responsibility. The women ...

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### **US Speaker addresses Women Entrepreneurs**

Julie Weeks, speaker on women's entrepreneurship, visited Macedonia this week. She met with a number of groups including Macedonian artisans, women farmers, the Chamber of Commerce, aspiring entrepreneurs, and university and high school economic students. ...



### **Poetica Musica in Skopje**

Eleanor Valkenburg, soprano, and Artistic Director of Poetica Musica was in Skopje this week for performance and master classes. She shared her experience with students of the Academy of Music Arts and the Music High School. Here visit, sponsored by the U.S. Embassy is part of the Embassy Cultural Program.



## **Highlighting U.S.– MK Economic Partnership**

On March 23, Ambassador Wohlers visited the Hi-Tech Corporation in the village of Oreshani near Skopje. Hi-Tech is one of Macedonia's greatest entrepreneurship success stories and an excellent example of U.S. – Macedonian economic partnership. Started in a garage ...



## **Ambassador touring "PERIBLEPTOS" Church**

On March 22 Ambassador Paul Wohlers visited the site of the U.S. Embassy's Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation project, the Monastery Complex of the Holy Mother of God "Perivleptos" in Ohrid. The Mayor of...[Video. »](#)



## **Underwater UXO Clearance of Lake Ohrid**

Ambassador Wohlers (March 22, 2012, Ohrid): "U.S. assistance not only supported the removal of unexploded ordnance in Macedonia's lakes, but also in Macedonia's land. We helped train, equip, and support Macedonian deminers to safely and effectively detect and clear landmines throughout Macedonia. In total, ..." ...



## **U.S. Helps School Children of Bogovinje**

Pirok Village, Bogovinje Municipality, Macedonia (March 21): On a bright and sunny first day of spring, throngs of smiling townspeople gathered to mark the completion of the renovation of the "Sami Frasheri" Primary School in the city of Pirok with speeches, songs, and dances. ... [Photo Gallery »](#)



## **Interethnic Education Project Launched**

Charge d'Affaires Brian Aggeler (March 13): "Embracing the diversity of others and respecting cultures, languages and ethnicities different from our own is critical to the security and prosperity of a community and a country"... [Photo Gallery. »](#)



### **New Accomplishments of Habitat for Humanity**

While visiting Veles, Ambassador Wohlers met with Habitat for Humanity Macedonia, a housing organization dedicated to providing simple, decent, and affordable housing solutions for low income families living in substandard conditions. In Veles, Habitat will build 11 apartment buildings, ... [Photo Gallery »](#)



### **Honoring Women in an Age of Participation**

OP-ED by Ambassador Paul D. Wohlers: "Ensuring equal opportunity for women is a priority in American foreign policy because the simple fact is that no country can hope to move ahead if it is leaving half of its people behind."... [повеќе. »](#)



### **English Essay Champions visits the Embassy**

The three Winners of the National English Essay Contest, their teachers and school Directors were invited to the U.S. Embassy to be congratulated by Deputy Chief of Mission Brian Aggeler. These talented students, Ana Marija Chklamovska, Vanja Kitanova and Markona Duceska also ... [More photos. »](#)



### **Movies Rule!**

On March 1, the U.S. Embassy-sponsored film festival "Movies Rule!" was opened by Ambassador Wohlers. This festival, hosted by the Cinematheque of Macedonia, will feature classic American cinematography that addresses various rule of law issues, both inside and outside the courtroom... [More. »](#)

- **The 2013-2014 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowships Program**

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program brings accomplished mid-level professionals to the U.S. for a year of combined academic (NON-DEGREE) and professional work. ..

- **Fulbright Program Competition for the 2013-2014 Academic Year is Now Open**

The 2013-2014 Application for the Fulbright Scholar Program (Post-Doctoral) in the United States (NON-DEGREE) ...

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